## BOY HUNTER IN THE SENATE.

A CHAT WITH JOHN M. THURSTON ABOUT HIMSELF AND HIS CAREER.

His Two Great Ambittons and How He Attained Them-Fishing for Pickerel for a Living and Trapping Musk Rats for School Money.

(Copyrighted, 1895, by Frank G. Carpenter.) Washington, Dec. 6.—"As a boy I had two ambitions, one was to be a lawyer and the other was to be a member of the Unit-

the other was to be a member of the United States senate.

These were the words of Mr. John M. Thursten, the man who took General Manderson's place of Washington this week as the new senator from Nebraska. They were ultired last night during a long chat which I had with him in his rooms at the Arlington hotel. I had asked him a number of questions about his life and he had told me how starting as a poor boy he had worked his way up the ladder of fame and fortune. He is now, you know, one of the most prominent men of the West. For years he has been one of the greatest of our lawyers. His legal income has run into the tens of thousands of dollars a year, and he has for years been the chief counsel of the Union Facilier allieved. His first ambition was long since attained. He has now for the first time realized his second ambition, as the representative of one of our greatest states in the United States senate.

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Before I give you the story of his life as he tool it to me, let me describe his looks. Picture to yourself a slender, studious-looking man of about six feet. Let him be well dressed and well ground. His black silk hat is of the latest block. His Prince Albert coat was evidently cut by a Broadway tailor and his pantaloons show a decided crease. His hair is as black as his poliched boots. It is cut long, and is combed rather carefully across his scalp above a high, full forcheal, with just a suspicion of bailness. Let this man have even of the deepest blue, and let his long, thin face he intellectual in its cast. Let this complexion be dark and row, and let the face make you think more of a college professor than of a great lawyer and of the chief representative of the politicisms of one of the liveliest and roughest states of the Union, and you have a fairly good leea of John M. Thurston, the new United States senator from Nebraska. If you could chat with him you would find him a man of much personal magnetism. He has a melodious voice and a good, healthy lauth. He tails freely and he tells a good story. He is a man of ideas, and after he has passed through the apprenticeship which the older senators make all young men undergo before they are permitted to do much to the senate chamber he will probably show himself to be one of the ablest and most influential men of that body.

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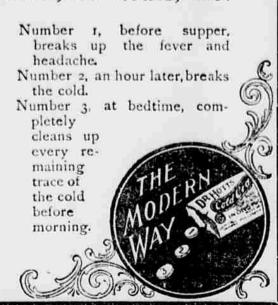
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"How could you fish in the winter?" I asked.

"We fished through the ice." was the reply. There is a large lake hear the town of Beaver Dam, and at the time I lived there this was full of fish. Hundreds of tons were caustrevery winter, and I remember one winter when I shipped lived tons of fish myself. I causht a great many of these and bought others, and I made that winter just about \$1.000. Have your ever seen how they lish through the ice." "No," said I. "How did you do it." "We built little houses on the ice," replied the season. "Each of these houses was Just about four and a half feet square and five feet high. They were entirely closed, and had doors, but no windows. In the back of the house there was a little sheet from stove, the pibe of which went out of the tob, and which kept us warm. We would cut a face in the loc in front of the stove, and owins to the comparative darkness, and town. These were so fastened to the line that they twisted and his decay bailts of wood, with tim wings fixed to them. These were no fastened to the line that they twisted and name about the bair, and we would catch how driving spears into them. Our best were pickered, and those we caught to twenty-live pounds. When the weather to twenty-live pounds. When the weather to the line that they twisted and name about the bair, and we would catch how griving spears into them. Our best were pickered, and those we caught to twenty-live pounds. When the weather to twenty-live pounds were caught to twenty-live pounds. When the weather to twenty-live pounds were the natural houses of muskratz and minks. I was not much to start out life with way from two and one-half to twenty-live pounds. When the weather to twenty-live pounds were the natural houses of muskratz and minks. I was not live the house of the live of the liv

clently to express an opinion, was the reply. We people in Nebraska have not, as a general thing, a definite idea of just what the Monroe doctrine is, but I believe the people of this country are ready to stand by the Monroe doctrine, and to say that they will fight for their rights concerning it."

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"There is no danger of that England annot afford to risk a war with us. She remembers the damage which we did to her commerce in the wars of the past, and she appreciates that we could ruin it to day. She has Canada, almost unprotected, lying along our Northern borders. One thousand men could desirey the useful realroad, and it is not an improability in case of war that Canada would not become sure. England's policy is, and always has been, to a large extent, a pocketbook policy. She has vast interests in the Unitary interests, and they succeed that the source whether a thing will pay rather than the East."

"I think it is," replied Senator Thurston. "The cities of the East have enormous property interests, and they are not become as to whether it is particule. I believe that if forelan guiness men who would be willing to order than to have a hombardment. Good and the would risk a war with a contribute a sun to induce them to leave rather than to have a hombardment. Good the mean to say that the West is not anyton for the would right these contributes a sun to induce them to leave rather than to have a hombardment. Good the mean to say that the West is not anyton. Firance we would read the contribute a sun to induce them to leave rather than to have a hombardment. Good the remember of the business have not properly interests, and they are not properly interests and the second recites t

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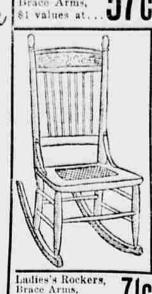
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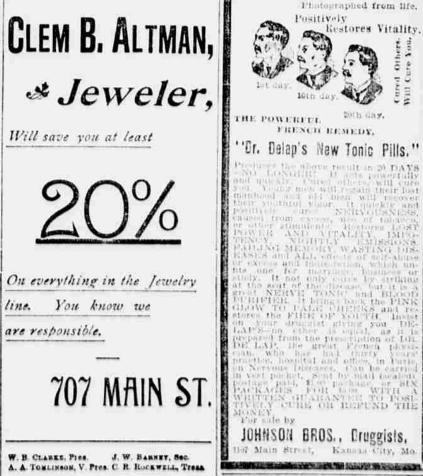
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